

WHAT THE COMRADES ARE SAYING.

Letters from Every Part of the Country.

Their Hearts are True to Comrade McKinley.

A RINGING APPEAL.

Comrade Joseph W. Kay's Address to His Comrades.

There is certainly no comrade in private life who has done more for the comrades than Joseph W. Kay, of Brooklyn. He is a staunch, lifelong Democrat, and an enthusiastic G. A. R. man. He is a big-brained, strong, earnest man, and has given time, labor, and money without stint to advance the interests of the comrades. He was the founder and moving spirit of the Union Veterans' Union, whose watchword—Fraternity means something—has been adopted by true comrades everywhere. Up until this campaign Comrade Kay has been a power in the Democracy, but he felt that this is a crisis above party. In an address before a great veteran assemblage at Newark, N. J., he said:

"These days remind us somewhat of those which immediately preceded and soon followed the breaking out of the civil war. Then, as now, the people were aroused. Our country and its flag were in peril. Groups of men—and women and children as well—gathered at the corners of our streets, intently discussing in earnest and with heated breath the war talk which was prevalent. Excitement grew apace. And soon some of the newspaper offices were surrounded, and the cry went up, 'Put out your flag; put out your flag!'"

A little later came the attack on Fort Sumter, when the flag was fired upon, and then the great Lincoln, of sainted memory, called the loyal of the Nation to arms. Good men and true, breaking asunder the ties of party and casting aside the pursuits and pleasures of civil life, leaving their homes, their families, their loved ones, and their politics as well—behind them, answering that call, thronged to the field resolved that the Union, one and indivisible, must and should be preserved. Under the folds of that flag they made this Nation free.

After four years of civil war, the comrades who survived it, many of them mangled in body or broken in health, though loyal still, returned to their homes with the consciousness that their work was well done, and that no further attempt would be made to make this great Nation of United States a memory; or, by transposing two letters of the word united so that it might spell u-n-i-t-e-d, as some of our brothers in the South had intended, make confession that free Government was a failure.

"False teachings and false doctrines, growing out of an effort to maintain and extend human slavery in this Republic, caused that war, so destructive of human life, so costly in money, yet so prolific in grand results. Slavery came to us as a heinous from our forefathers. To the fact that human flesh and blood was bought and sold upon the auction block the same as a piece of real estate or chattels seemed righteous in the sight of God, until Wendell Phillips, William Lloyd Garrison, John Brown, Henry Ward Beecher, and others dignified the cause. Mr. Seward very properly said, concerning the civil war, that it was an 'irrepressible conflict.'"

Certainly it was one where blood and treasure were given in sacrifice, and through it many heroes were stamped out to the lasting benefit of all our people. When human slavery with us became a thing of the past, for the first time in our history it was true that under our Constitution 'all men are born free and equal.'"

The Nation is again in peril. We are around us every day the enemies of the people are aroused. 'Hang out your flag.' Turn which way you will in our cities there is evidence of love and devotion to 'Old Glory' as the emblem of liberty, equal rights, and a Nation's integrity. It means honest Government, an honest currency, and honesty among men. For such a cause the hearts of the people are never appealed to in vain. And they can always be trusted.

This political campaign threatens to precipitate another 'irrepressible conflict' upon the American people if the wishes of some persons are to prevail. The battle being waged is to some extent based on ideas of Government about which honest men may honestly disagree, and yet the issues are capable of solution by peaceful means—not those of war—provided reason and good judgment are permitted to control. In these days of peace the ballot is equally as effective as the bullet in war times in the settlement of differences, and certainly less harmful to the physical well-being of men.

The questions involved are many. That of the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 is most plausibly presented and yet most dangerous, because it teaches dishonesty. No one who is old enough to remember the days before the war can contemplate with pleasure a depreciated or a fluctuating currency such as was represented by the paper money or bills issued by State banking institutions, nowhere exchangeable except at a discount, unless it be at the counter of the bank issuing the same. The result was a depreciated currency, low wages, and high prices.

And then in the war days came the greenbacks issued by the National Government in the hour of its distress, paid to the soldiers and other creditors. The Government, with the assurance that they were and would be maintained equal to gold. False promises, as soon became apparent by the prices of every commodity going up until the value of the greenback was worth in purchasing power in the markets, at home and abroad, about 25 cents on the dollar. And then the story was true about a woman going to market with a basket full of money and returning home with a pocketbook full of the necessities of life.

My own experience emphasizes this. Even to this day, the greenback is nothing more or less than a demand note—a promise to pay. It has never been redeemed. For more than 34 years these notes of the Government, given for value received at the time of original issue, have been notes of the Government renewed over and over again, without interest. Behind them is nothing except the pledge of the National credit and the gold reserve. These make and hold them at a parity with gold.

The free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 signifies to some minds that 16 silver dollars may be had for one of gold; to others, the coinage at the mint of 16 silver dollars to every one of gold; and, indeed, the changes are rung in a thousand ways, all of which are appeals to the worse passions of men. To the manufacturer and the merchant mark their goods or products up double to meet the changed conditions; and, that being so, what difference will it make, though the wage-earners are increased accordingly? This latter proposition is not susceptible of consideration. We know better. Even so, with doubled prices and doubled wages, the purchasing quality would not be changed. And then who has silver to create the combination of Democrats, Populists, and Anarchists, who are going to bring this country to a silver basis. They tell us the dollar will be the same as the dollar now in circulation.

MUCH HAS BEEN SAID OF "THE CRIME OF 1873."

It is not strange that this heinous crime has not been long ago discovered? Has silver been demonetized? Let the facts speak. I quote:

"During September, 1896, the mints of the United States coined from silver bullion on hand, purchased under the act of July 14, 1890, 2,700,000 standard silver dollars, containing 2,988,338 ounces of pure silver, the cost of which was \$1,862,671, giving a seigniorage or profit of \$837,428 to the Government."

In the light here given, can it be said with truth that silver has been demonetized? But whether or not, and assuming there was a crime in 1873, that is no reason why there should be another of greater magnitude in 1896. Two wrongs never yet made one right.

For coinage is not bimetalism by any means. Stripped of its nakedness it means robbery. The only bimetalism we can have under existing conditions is that which the Government provides.

If all the silver produced was sold to the Government at the market rate, and by it coined into money at the ratio of 16 to 1, or any other ratio, the seigniorage would enable the Government to maintain it at a parity, anywhere in this country, at least. If, however, the producer of silver can take his silver to the mint and have it coined into money at the ratio of 16 to 1, then at once every silver dollar or the paper which represents such, heretofore issued by the Government, would necessarily only be of the same value as the false token. For who is to distinguish between the false and the true? Free coinage is a heresy. Its acceptance would mean disaster and ruin without a single compensation to the American people.

Important as the proper settlement of the financial question may be, there is another, a greater, danger than free coinage in the air we breathe. While free silver would be dishonest in many ways and we would stand discredited before the nations of the earth because thereof, in case we adopt it, this would be a small matter compared to the danger that lurks behind the idea so sedulously set forth in some of the newspapers of the day and on the stump by Mr. Bryan and his associates, in which it is sought to array the employee against his employer. There is no enemy's country to-day on America's soil. There are, unfortunately, however, some men who, wittingly or unwittingly, are enemies to their country. And none more wickedly so than those who enunciate the doctrine that the interests of capital and labor are in opposition to the other; that what is wanted by the one is not good for the other, and also advance the claim that workmen are coerced and intimidated in their right to vote as their conscience dictates by their employers. Sow the seeds of distrust between man and man and sow the seeds of anarchy.

Such teachings are unworthy American manhood and an unbecoming press; they are especially insulting to the intelligence and citizenship of the American workman. They are subversive of law, order, and peace at a time when country should be placed before party by every citizen who loves and reveres his flag and honors its free institutions. The problems of honest Government and an honest currency and a return of business prosperity to all our people through which, and that alone, employer and employee can both be benefited, should be the earnest aim of every patriot in the land.

Concerning this subject, Chauncey M. Depew recently said:

"I say this is a monstrous slander on the free people of this country. There is absolute freedom among railroad men, and that I know. No President, no Superintendent, no Manager controls or attempts to control their political action. There are 35,000 employees in the New York Central system, of which I am President. I go out every year upon the stump to speak for what I believe to be right. Every one of my fellow-employees knows that he can vote against my politics and talk against my politics and work against my politics. As some of the largest employers of labor in the United States, in my official capacity, as a laborer upon the pay-roll and as liable to be dismissed as any of the others by the Board of Directors, I resent, I repel this insult to the manhood and the independence of the workmen of the United States."

And as a manufacturer, I emphasize every word Mr. Depew has said. In this Nation there are no classes as contra-distinguished from the masses. We are all toilers—workmen; each in his separate sphere; each in the enjoyment of liberty and the pursuit of happiness according to the protecting influence of the Constitution of our country and beneath the folds of the flag. And no man with common sense, who loves his country, will attempt to array his fellow-men against each other or coerce or intimidate them in their right to exercise their sovereignty under their own laws. It is false, untrue. And those who teach this doctrine are enemies of the people; they are demagogues whose touch is pollution, and they are unworthy free speech in a free land.

SKIRMISH FIRE.

[We have to apologize to our comrades for condensing their letters. We have received such a flood within the last few days, that it is simply impossible to print the whole of them. It would require a paper 10 times the size of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, and there would be nothing else in the paper. Yet they are all good, and we want to print them. We have decided to take a few sentences from each, just to show the drift of the writers' minds.—EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE.]

Alabama. Dr. J. H. Walling, Pineville, Ala.: Here in Alabama things are looking anything but bright for Maj. McKinley. The Populists, Popocrats, and Silverites are doing all they can, directly and indirectly, both by word, writing, and acting in every conceivable manner, honest and dishonest, to defeat McKinley. Be sure to tell all the old soldiers that the Republicans are going solid for the ticket in this State, and I advise a soldier comrade who votes in States where their votes are counted as cast, to do no scratching, but vote straight for our comrade, McKinley.

Arkansas. Geo. Wellborn, Co. A, 57th Reg., Brinkley Ark.: I take great pleasure in reading the letters from the old boys all over the country, who announce their intention to line up as in 1861-65 to defend their beloved country from the attacks of its enemies. I am doing all I can for Maj. McKinley, and I am sure that 100 comrades right here who are doing the same. I pray the Lord that every old soldier in the country will walk up to the ballot-box, Nov. 3, and deposit his vote for Comrade McKinley.

California. Wm. Ballard, Co. G, 1st Minn. H. A. Ventura, Cal.: It is with the deepest regret I take this opportunity to express my combination of Democrats, Populists, and Anarchists, who are going to bring this country to a silver basis. They tell us the dollar will be the same as the dollar now in circulation.

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N. Koshland, Veterans' Home, Cal., expresses the hope that our standard-bearer, Comrade McKinley, will be elected for the next four years. "God knows that we need a change, so that times may become better and confidence be restored."

Colorado. I. B. Green, Co. G, 7th Ohio, Lamb, Colo.: It seems like we are degenerating out here. The Colorado papers are nearly all advocating Bryan. I have seen a very ridiculous cartoon is the first thing that meets the eye. But the Popocratic pudding is getting very distasteful to many, and they are retching over it. We tell them there is but one antidote, and that is to partake liberally of the McKinley pie. Let us have a good and a good, if possible, and plenty of work for every one.

Levi Brenberger, Co. M, 2d Pa. H. A., Longmont, Colo.: I think our side is gaining some here, but how it will be Nov. 3 I do not know. I am sorry to say that a good many of the comrades around here are for Free Silver. They are coming over to our side. Your letter to the comrades, "Comrades," was grand. Hit 'em again. You can't hit them too hard.

Connecticut. Z. C. Bowen, Co. H, 10th Vt., Waterbury, Conn.: It is about 20 to 1 here in favor of McKinley. I have taken THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE for 10 years, and I shall not be obliged to send two silver dollars next year. Please ask Bryan & Co. how it happens that silver and wheat have lost their cohesion so suddenly.

Florida. R. W. Goode, Co. F, 16th Ill. Cav., Melbourne, Fla.: After a careful canvass of all the ex-Union soldiers in this County I am pleased to report that they will all vote for their old comrade, Maj. Wm. McKinley, and there are several ex-Confederate soldiers who are going to vote the same way.

Georgia. R. F. Sloan, Co. I, 8th Tenn., Maundlin's Mills, Ga.: I am Southern born and bred, and am greatly surprised to know that any man who helped fight for the supremacy of the Government should think of voting for Bryan. Stop and think of the idea. The Bryan leaders are. Isham G. Harris, Ben Tillman, J. C. S. Blackburn, Jones, of Arkansas, Altgeld, etc. Nearly all the business men of the South are anxious to have McKinley President. The South prospers under Republican rule and suffers under any other kind.

Illinois. John M. Butler, Pulaski, Ill., sends a list of 25 old soldiers who propose to stand shoulder to shoulder in support of Maj. McKinley, Nov. 3, 1896. If any of the public read this list, let them know that this is the sentiment of the Populists. This country had enough of sectionalism in the 60's.

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H. M. Lamb, Co. E, 1st Ind. Cav., Co. B, 1st Ind. B., Princeton, Ind., rejoices that comrades all along the line are throwing in hot shot, and wants to be his share. He now sees no necessity of side tracking, and appeals to his comrades to "remember what his army service has cost him with all the bitter trials, with all his severe sufferings, the duties that were assigned us and nobly performed, and on the 28th of November let us see to it that our honored Comrade William McKinley is chosen as our standard-bearer, in order that our flag and National honor may remain unassailed."

G. W. Lyman, Co. I, 105th Ohio, and Co. E, 12th Ohio Cav., Ames, Iowa: The Popocrats are beginning to show their true colors more and more every day, and become more desperate and vicious.

George Drake, Co. K, 85th Ill., Clinton, Iowa: I mail you papers to-day containing the remarks of "Coin" Harvey. I want all the old boys to know that I know what such sneaking comrades are saying. He is making votes for Comrade McKinley. Several Democrats came out of the hall, pulled off their silver badges and ground them under foot. I heartily endorse THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE's course.

Kansas. R. E. Will's, St. Francis, Kan.: Kansas is sure for McKinley, by a big majority.

C. F. Black, Kiowa, Kan.: The same old rebel yell in the North and the same old rebel yell in the South can be heard again. The same old Butternuts and rebels, with their Populist-Anarchist following, have now combined to do their duty, unthinkingly, and all will be well.

Geo. Osterhout, Conway Springs, Kan.: Comrades, who are shouting for Bryan? Comrades, look around you. Aren't they the ones that tried to raise armies in the Northwest to shoot us in the back? I am for America, first, last, and all the time. I don't want our country classed with Mexico, China and Japan. I want Sound Money, Protection, Prosperity, Patriotism and Wm. McKinley.

A. J. Ogle, 5th Iowa, Ft. Scott, Kan.: We have a veteran local club of nearly 300. But there are four or five veterans who have got their brains turned, like Comrade Williams, of Nebraska. Note this peculiar incident here in Fort Scott: A couple of ladies are neighbors on the East side, one of them a Republican, the other an ardent Democrat. When the Republicans held their Convention at St. Louis these ladies agreed that the Republican tramps and the other Democratic tramps. They now testify that they are with the Democrats, and every one of these has been a Democrat. The Democratic lady has fed them all; the Republican lady none. So that the Popocrats will have another cause of complaint against Wall Street and Eastern capitalists for sending out a Republican card to West. It would be about as senseless as many things they say. Mr. Bryan and his followers will find that all of the Middle West, two-thirds of the far West and a large portion of the South will be "enemies' country" as well as the old boys of the West. It comes to this: This country had enough of sectionalism in the 60's.

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Comrade James A. Capen, Sedalia, Mo., sends a list of the names of the Lincoln McKinley-Hobart Club of that city, a very large organization. All but few of them are veterans, and nearly all of them have been in the ranks of McKinley. Several of them have been Democrats. Sedalia will roll up a good majority for McKinley.

James A. Woods, Co. B, 13th W. Va., Paris, Mo., reports there are a few old soldiers in his vicinity, every one of whom, with their sons, will vote for McKinley.

Jacob Fisher, Co. K, 11th Mo., Heneker, Mo.: I am an old soldier of four years and four and one-half months' service in the late unpleasantness. I am an old reader of your valuable paper, and am proud of your firm stand for Sound Money and McKinley. I hope he will be elected, but here in my neighborhood he will be beaten, as the Free Silverites are in the majority; but I tell here as I liked them in 1861, and on them I am going to take to the polls with my three grown sons, who have never cast their votes before, and you bet the four of us will go solid for McKinley. Our combined weight is 775 pounds, and our ages are 51, 23, 23, and 21; so you see we are heavyweights.

Wm. C. Stark, Co. C, 7th Ind. Cav., Grant City, Mo.: I am delighted with the letters from the comrades who are still in line. I will contribute my little mite to the end that the good old reliable soldiers' friend may know that 90 per cent. of the veterans here are in line and following the lead of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE for Sound Money, prosperity and Comrade McKinley. We feel safe with THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE as our guide and leader, for just as sure as Moses led the children of Israel out of the Wilderness, so sure will the lead of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE and Comrade McKinley lead the American people to peace and prosperity. I am sorry to note that a few of the comrades have gone off after false gods, and I am unable to understand how any comrade can so far forget his past glorious service to his country as to vote and act with the old crew composed of Jones, Tillman, Harris, et al. Shame, comrades! Heroic blood from a thousand battlefields will rise up and smite you.

Wm. Kelly, Co. I, 91st Ill., 1330 Oak St., Kansas City, Mo.: The long-roll is sounding. Let everybody fall into line with our brave comrade, who is now calling for recruits, and on the other side is Capt. Hoke Smith, Altgeld, Tillman, Stone, and all the rest of the Anarchists and enemies of the laboring man and the old vets. You will find nearly all the old boys lined up with Capt. McKinley, who will lead them to the polls to put down Anarchy. We have a McKinley Veteran Patriotic Club here of over 1,100 strong, which is more than we thought there were of old vets all together, and we have not been in existence nine months. You see there are not many freaks here.

Edward S. Curtis, Co. D, 70th Ill., Grand Island, Neb.: I have listened to a great deal that has been said by the Popocrats, and have come to the firm conclusion that they are no friends of the old soldiers. They are bitterly opposed to pensions, and say that we got well paid for going into the army. It makes my heart sick to think of any comrade going to vote their ticket.

S. C. Ferguson, Co. A, 35th Mo., Hay Springs, Neb.: People who think that this section is the hot-bed of Popocratism, just as South Carolina was of Secession in 1861; but they are mistaken. What few people there are in this County are not all fools, and especially the old soldiers. They remember that they were with the Union in 1861-65. Some of the veteran Populists are old, dyed-in-the-wool Democrats, who did not care much which side whipped during the war, so long as they could get their quinine and whisky. Another class, and they are very few, are the disloyal Democrats, who seem to have an ax to grind and do not care who turns the stone. More than two-thirds of the veterans are strong for McKinley and good Government, and I for one feel very sure that the 4th of November will see the defeat of the disloyal Democrats, anarchy, repudiation, mob rule, and the like blown to the four winds and our modern Babylon rebuilt.

Nevada. Geo. W. Robinson, Co. G, 7th Mo. Cav., Reno, Nev.: I am glad to see that nearly all the old boys like THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, and are sound on the money question. As a matter of course, it is the opinion of all throughout the country that the people of the Silver State to which Jones, Stewart and Newlands are accredited, will unanimously vote for Bryan, and it is quite probable that the electoral vote will go that way. But, notwithstanding the hard and expensive campaign being done by the California silver-men, the Republican vote will be by no means insignificant; the Sound Money sentiment is daily increasing, and in the western Counties of the State the fight for McKinley and Protection is particularly determined and strong.

New York. Jno. D. Brownell, Co. H, 1st N. Y. L. A., Wick, N. Y.: As we are nearing the 3d of November, our attention is called to whom shall we vote for. For Grover Cleveland at the head of the United States. After his election the first thing he saw was too much money in the Treasury. Then he commenced to drop and scale pensioners; then to borrowing money by the issue of bonds, etc. Then the tariff was raised, and Wilson supplanted the McKinley tariff. Then came the flood of produce from the cheap-labor countries of the world under the free trade of the Wilson bill, cheapening and almost driving out of our markets our own productions. Now Mr. Bryan is telling us of a new way for farmers to pay their debts. It is by the silver scheme, and this means their ruin. If the farmer owes anything now, he must pay up before there is any change in the currency. Debts contracted when it takes 10 cents to pay cannot be paid in 53-cent dollars.

Ohio. W. H. Surles, East Liverpool, O.: Your grand paper is doing a noble work all over the country for Comrade McKinley. Your column headed "What the Comrades are Saying" is especially beneficial for the purpose intended, and will cause many thousands of our veterans to change their votes. The Union Veteran Patriotic League, started by Gen. Sickles, is also doing great good, and no comrade who were the blue should hesitate an instant in signing the roll as when he enlisted for the war. Our League here was organized with a membership of 130, and now numbers 302 good men and true, all earnest, enthusiastic workers for our distinguished Comrade, Maj. McKinley.

A. J. Gleson, 15th Ohio, Van Wert, O.: It is most fortunate for the soldier element that your paper so nobly champions their cause, and also that of National honor and welfare, and it is to be regretted that it is not at the bedside of every man who wore the blue. There would be less Populism on the Western plains, less Socialistic rant about plutocrats and goldbugs, crushing mankind, etc., and more Americanism and common sense instead. I was born, bred and educated in the Democratic faith, but began losing it in '61, when I shouldered a musket to defend a Union assailed by Democrats, and the last vestige of that faith was knocked clean out of me by a couple of Democratic bullets I ran against at Chickamauga. We have surely sacrificed enough

already, so fall in line, boys, and share with us the glory of defeating the most dangerous foe to progress and prosperity ever arrayed against us at the ballot-box. We know we have a staunch friend in McKinley, and we have not such in Bryan and his crowd.

Oregon. A. W. France, Oregon City, Ore.: Sept. 22 a Union Veterans' Patriotic League was organized in this city with 25 members as a starter. The following officers were elected: Pres., A. W. France, Co. G, 10th Wis.; V.-P., E. T. Grider, Co. A, 27th Ind. See; Geo. E. Horton, Co. C, 148th Ohio; Treas., J. T. Apperson, Co. E, 1st Ore. Cav. Since then our numbers have increased to 104, and more coming. Our Popocratic friends reported that the Post numbered 160, and we could only get 20 in the League. The facts are that the Post membership is 60. Our Vice-President, E. T. Grider, marched and fought over the same ground from 1861-65 that his grandfather marched and fought over during the Revolutionary war. We are doing all we can to make the vote of McKinley and Hobart a winner.

Pennsylvania. Moses Wagner, 202d Pa., Carlisle Springs, Pa.: I am truly glad of the great fight you are making for Comrade McKinley. There are about 15 comrades in my immediate neighborhood, and they will vote for McKinley. If I am spared till election day I will shoot straight on that day as I did at Mosby's guerrillas in 1864. I have also two sons, whom I have taught patriotism and to love their country. Their votes will be cast the same way.

Geo. S. Anderson, Co. H, 87th Pa., Rossville, Pa.: I would call every old soldier's attention to the grand spectacle at Maj. McKinley's home, where over 1,000 ex-Confederates came marching up from Virginia to pay their respects. These men had stood the shock of battle in Virginia and other Southern States, fighting for an idea that we believe is wrong. But still they showed their appreciation of the glorious achievements of the Union soldiers, for our prosperity is theirs as well. Does it not seem strange that some of our number have gone back on their principles and their records (if they had any)? Let ex-Confederates have become the supporters of good Government and good money, while some of our Union soldiers have become the enemies of the same. Let us stand by our best advocate, THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, whilst it is battling manfully for our rights and for honest money and Protection. Let us give it the honest assurance that we appreciate its herculean efforts in our behalf, and if we do less than this we prove recreant to every principle of honor.

South Dakota. F. W. Suckow, Co. E, 35th Iowa, Rapid City, S. D.: I do not blame manufacturers for not wanting to continue business under the Anarchistic form of Government which we should have if Bryan should be elected, which God forbid. I am still in line, and think it fully as important a task to down Bryan & Co. now as it was to put down Secession. Comrades, steady in front, and we'll conquer.

John A. Collins, Co. G, 11th Pa. Cav., and M. J. Bailey, Carter, S. D.: Senator Pettigrew, Bryan's bolting backer, in a public speech to the Free Silverites at Carter, Oct. 3, made use of the following statement: "All of you select to which Jones, Stewart and Newlands are accredited, will unanimously vote for Bryan, and it is quite probable that the electoral vote will go that way. But, notwithstanding the hard and expensive campaign being done by the California silver-men, the Republican vote will be by no means insignificant; the Sound Money sentiment is daily increasing, and in the western Counties of the State the fight for McKinley and Protection is particularly determined and strong."